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25X1 1. In Tayshet a railroad line branches off in the direction of Bratsk to the  
25X1 northeast from the Trans-siberian trunk line. [REDACTED]  
25X1 The line, which is steam-operated,  
25X1 is single-track and in some sections runs on high embankments through the  
25X1 predominantly swampy territory. The line is in poor condition and the rails  
25X1 have obviously not been levelled. At many points in the swampy terrain the  
25X1 roadbed was formed by several layers of trunks covered with a layer of  
25X1 earth. Timber and coal were principally shipped on this line. [REDACTED]  
25X1 this line, which is to be  
25X1 extended as far as the Lena River, had been under construction for ten  
25X1 years. [REDACTED]  
25X1 The bridges across this river were still under  
25X1 construction. In the fall of 1949 and the spring of 1950 some of the new  
25X1 giant stone piers built in the Lena River are said to have been destroyed  
25X1 by floods. \*

25X1 2. In early 1950 labor details, which were believed to be needed for a large  
25X1 construction project, were formed in the MVD forced labor camp at Solodoi-  
25X1 gora on the Tayshet-Bratsk railroad line. [REDACTED]

25X1 3. [REDACTED]  
25X1 [REDACTED]  
25X1 Comment. This information refers to the so-called Baikal-Amur rail-  
road line, which has been completed single-track beyond Bratsk  
as far as Kirensk-Sibirsk. A second track is said to be under construction.  
It is planned to continue this line from Kirensk-Sibirsk to Sovietskaya  
Gavan on the coast via Bodaibo, Tinda Novaya, and Ust Minanskoe. It is not  
yet clear whether the line branches from the Trans-siberian trunk line at  
Tayshet or Kirenskaya. It is believed that the new line is designed to  
open up new districts of Siberia and to ease the traffic burden on the Trans-  
siberian trunk line.

25X1 \*\* Comment. The construction of a railroad line from Tayshet to Abakan  
is provided for in the Soviet Five-Year plan.

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25X1 [ ] Comment. The double-track status of this line is confirmed. [ ]

25X1 [ ] the line is being electrified. [ ]

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